

REMARKS

Claims 57-74 are pending. No new matter has been added.

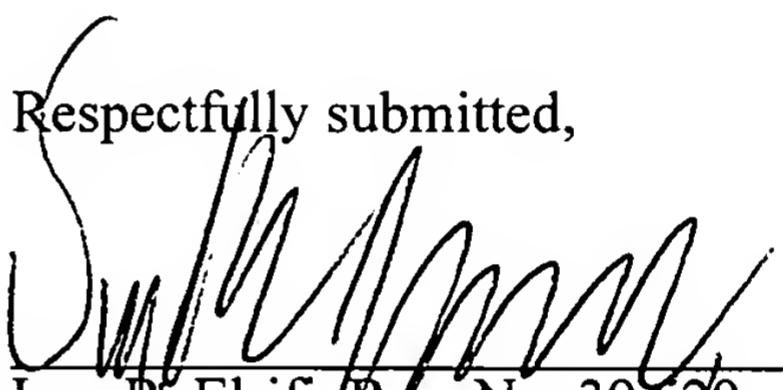
There is a single remaining rejection in this case. Claims 57-74 stand rejected for nonstatutory obviousness-type double-patenting in view of claims 1-17 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,730,296 (“the ‘296 patent”).

While not conceding the correctness of this rejection, in an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants enclose with this response a Terminal Disclaimer that disclaims the terminal portion of any patent issuing from the above-referenced application that extends beyond the expiration of the ‘296 patent. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection for double-patenting.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request an allowance for same. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22058-590 DIV CON.

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